

# #NoblePartner 17

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## OBJECTIVE



Noble Partner 17 (NP17) is a European Rotational Force (ERF) exercise of Georgia's light infantry company contribution to NATO Response Force (NRF) 2017.

The exercise will be held in Vaziani and Camp Norio training areas in Georgia from July 30 to August 12, 2017.



Noble Partner 17 supports Georgia in conducting home station training of its second NATO Response Force contribution for the year. The exercise provides participating nations with the opportunity to train in a multinational environment while enhancing cooperation and interoperability during realistic and challenging training events.

Noble Partner will further enhance NRF and Operational Capabilities Concept (OCC) interoperability and readiness in order to support regional stability. Exercises such as this improve multinational mission command between participants. The OCC improves partner forces' contributions to NATO Partnership for Peace operations.

Noble Partner 17 also provides an opportunity to ensure transportation, sustainment and training infrastructures can rapidly support military needs in a multinational operational scenario.

The U.S. will participate with elements from U.S. Naval Forces Europe; the 2nd Cavalry Regiment; 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division; State of Georgia Army and Air National Guard; 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team; 10th Combat Aviation Brigade; and 15th Engineer Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade, and 21st Theater Sustainment Command.

Noble Partner is one of 18 exercises occurring in the Black Sea Region in summer 2017. Twenty-three allied and partner nations are training collectively across the region, furthering capacity and interoperability. It is also a profound demonstration of U.S., ally and partner commitment to security and stability in the region.

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## TRAINING TIMELINE



### WEEK 1

*July 21-29*  
**PREPARATION**

**July 21 – 23** – U.S. Naval Forces Europe led transport and escort part of (Sea Breeze 17) with partner nations, Port of Poti

**July 23** – 2nd Cavalry Regiment Strikers arrive on Georgia Air National's C-130, Tbilisi

**July 24** – U.S. and German troops arrival, Tbilisi

**July 24** – U.S. Army and Air National Guard from Georgia and Combat Engineer conducts Reception, staging, onward movement, and integration operations, Vaziani



**July 26 – 27** – 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (BCT), United Kingdom, Slovenian and Armenian troops and equipment arrival, Tbilisi and Port of Poti.

**July 27– 28** Road march and convoy from, Senaki to Vaziani

**July 30 – Opening Ceremony**, Vaziani

**July 31 – Aug. 1** – Platoon and Squad Training Exercises with 173rd Infantry BCT, Georgia U.S. Army National Guard Long Range Surveillance, 810th Engineers, Georgian Special Forces Joint Terminal Attack Controller, Vaziani

**Aug. 2** – Live Fire Exercise (LFX) with integrated joint fires, Vaziani

**Aug. 3** – 173rd Infantry BCT and Georgian Airborne operations LFX with integrated joint fires

**Aug. 4** – 173rd Infantry BCT and Georgian airborne operations, Norio

**Aug. 7** – Mechanized company-level LFX, Vaziani

**Aug 8** – Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX), Vaziani

**Aug. 9** – Field Training Exercise (FTX) - Light Infantry Company-level LFX and Airborne Supply Drop (*Tentative*), Norio

**Aug. 10** – FTX 15th Engineers Battalion, Georgia U.S. Army National Guard, and Georgia Engineers conduct Breaching Operations, Norio

**August 12 – Distinguished Visitor Day and Closing Ceremony** featuring a Multinational CALFEX, Vaziani



### WEEK 2

*July 30 – Aug. 5*  
**EXERCISE STARTS**

### WEEK 3

*Aug 6 -12*  
**EXERCISE CONTINUES**

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## PARTICIPATING NATIONS



**Armenia**



**Georgia**



**Germany**



**Slovenia**



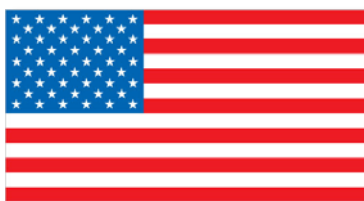
**Turkey**



**Ukraine**



**United Kingdom**



**United States**

*Country participation in Noble Partner is subject to change.*



## Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges

Commanding General,  
U.S. Army Europe

A native of Quincy, Florida, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges graduated from the United States Military Academy in May 1980 and was commissioned in the Infantry.

After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels at the 101st Airborne Division and in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. His most recent operational assignment was as Director of Operations, Regional Command South, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Lt. Gen. Hodges has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include Tactics Instructor at the Infantry School; Chief of Plans, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Army Congressional Liaison Officer; Task Force Senior Observer-Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Coalition/Joint -3 (CJ3) of Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg; and Director of the Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell on the Joint Staff; Chief of Legislative Liaison for the United States Army.

His last assignment was as Commander, NATO Allied Land Command from 2012 to 2014.



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